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SUBJECT: FY 1976 AND 197T MILITARY SECURITY

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR
1. ON OCTOBER 30, THE PRESIDENT SENT TO THE CONGRESS A SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MESSAGE FOR FY 1976/7T REQUESTING GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE, GRANT MILITARY TRAINING, AND FMS CREDITS. HEARINGS ON THESE REQUESTS WILL BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES. WITNESSES FROM BOTH THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND
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DEFENSE WILL BE TESTIFYING BEFORE EACH OF THESE COMMITTEES.

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WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION BILLS WILL HAVE CLEARED THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE BY THE END OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 94TH CONGRESS (I.E. BEFORE CHRISTMAS 1975). UNTIL THESE BILLS ARE PASSED, LIMITED FUNDING OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS CONTINUING UNDER CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY (CRA).

2. FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDED PROGRAM LEVELS (IN $ THOUSANDS) FOR FY 1976 MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ASIA AND NEA REGIONS:

	MAP TOTAL	MATERIEL AND SERVICES	FOREIGN MILITARY SUP OPS	TRAINING	FMS CREDIT
EAST ASIA	142,200	113,700	28,500	8,000	298,200
CHINA (TAIWAN)	900	-	900	500	80,000
INDONESIA	19,400	17,000	2,400	2,000	23,100
KOREA	74,000	55,100	18,900	2,500	126,000
MALAYSIA	-	-	-	300	15,000
PHILIPPINES	19,600	16,900	2,700	600	17,400
THAILAND	28,300	24,700	3,600	1,700	36,700
REGIONAL (TRAINING ONLY)				400	
NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA	101,700	88,400	13,300	3,500	1,625,000
AFGHANISTAN	-	-	-	200	-
INDIA	-	-	-	200	-
ISRAEL	-	-	-	-	1,500,000
JORDAN	100,000	88,400	11,600	800	75,000
LEBANON	-	-	-	200	5,000
MOROCCO	-	-	-	800	30,000
NEPAL	-	-	-	35	-
PAKISTAN	-	-	-	350	-
SRI LANKA	-	-	-	15	-
TUNISIA	200	-	200	400	15,000
YEMEN	1,500 #	-	1,500	500	-

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3. FOLLOWING ARE COMPARABLE RECOMMENDED PROGRAM LEVELS

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($ THOUSANDS) FOR FY 197T (I.E. TRANSITIONAL QUARTER):

	TOTAL	MATERIEL AND SERVICES	FOREIGN MILITARY SUP OPS	TRAINING	FMS CREDIT
EAST ASIA	3,500	-	3,500	2,100	9,500

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CHINA (TAIWAN)	100	-	100	100	8,000
INDONESIA	400	-	400	700	-
KOREA	1,400	-	1,400	500	1,500
MALAYSIA	-	-	-	100	-
PHILIPPINES	600	-	600	200	-
THAILAND	1,000	-	1,000	500	-

	TOTAL	MATERIEL AND SERVICES	FOREIGN MILITARY SUP OPS	TRAINING	FMS CREDIT
NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA	15	-	15	500	-
AFGHANISTAN	-	-	-	50	-
INDIA	-	-	-	30	-
MOROCCO	-	-	-	200	-
NEPAL	-	-	-	10	-
PAKISTAN	-	-	-	80	-
SRI LANKA	-	-	-	#5	-
TUNISIA	15	-	15	125	-

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM HOST COUNTRY OF THE AMOUNTS OF MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE BEING REQUESTED FOR FY 1976. (AUTHORITY TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF FY 197T REQUESTS WILL BE PROVIDED LATER). HOST COUNTRIES MUST BE INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL LEVELS ARE SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY THE CONGRESS AND TO SUBSEQUENT EXECUTIVE BRANCH ALLOCATION OF THESE APPROPRIATED FUNDS.

5. FOR EMBASSIES AMMAN, TEL AVIV, TAIPEI, JAKARTA, SEOUL, KUALA LUMPUR, MANILA, BANGKOK, BEIRUT, RABAT, AND TUNIS. CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH REGARD TO RECOMMENDED FMS CREDIT LEVELS, MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE STATE/DEFENSE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY NOVEMBER 12:

A. WILL HOST COUNTRY ACCEPT AND CONSUMMATE CREDPT AGREEMENT AT LEVELS INDICATED IF CONGRESS APPROVES EXECUTIVE BRANCH REQUEST;

B. MAJOR ITEMS TO BE PROCURED IN PRIORITY ORDER AS DETERMINED BY HOST COUNTRY TOGETHER WITH COMMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM;

C. DOES PROVISION OF CREDIT SUPPORT A MILITARY REQUIREMENT DERIVED FROM A US-APPROVED FORVE GOAL;

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D. IS THERE ANY OTHER MILITARY JUSTIFICATION FOR CREDIT;

E. HOW DOES CREDIT PROGRAM RELATE TO GRANT MATERIEL AND/
OR GRANT TRAINING PROGRAM;

F. WHAT ARE RELEVANT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROVISION
OF CREDIT AND HOW DOES IT SUPPORT US OBJECTIVES IN
COUNTRY AND REGION;
G. WILL CREDIT SALE AFFECT REGPONAL ARMS BALANCE OR
CONTRPBUTE TO AN ARMS RACE;

H. IS THERE DEMONSTRABLE NEED FOR MILITARY CREDIT
ASSISTANCE (NOTE: ALL FMS CREDITS WHETHER DIRECT OR
GUARANTEED WILL BE AT NO LESS THAN COST OF MONEY TO THE
USG);

I. WILL PROPOSED CREDIT CREATE REPAYMENT OBLIGATION WHICH
WILL PLACE UNDESIRABLE BURDEN ON COUNTRY'S FOREIGN
EXCHANGE RESOURCES, PRODUCE EXCESSIVE CLAIMS ON FUTURE
BUDGETS, OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT;

J. WHAT OTHER ARMS PURCHASES IS THE COUNTRY MAKING FOR
CASH OR CREDIT FROM US OR THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH COULD
BE RELEVANT TO EXTENSION OF PROPOSED FY 1976 CREDIT.
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